INVITATION

Virtual Report Launch: The United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) has the honour to invite you to the virtual launch of its report entitled *Cities: Gateways for Africa’s Regional Economic Integration.*

AGENDA

Moderator: Ms Edlam Abera Yemeru – Director a.i., Gender, Poverty and Social Policy Division, Economic Commission for Africa

Opening remarks (10 minutes)

- Ms. Mama Keita, Director, ECA Sub-regional Office for Eastern Africa
- Mr. Ishaku Maitumbi – Senior Technical Adviser, UN-Habitat

Presentation of the report’s findings (20 minutes)

- Mr. Marios Pournaris, Associate Social Affairs Officer, Gender, Poverty and Social Policy Division, ECA
- Mr. Melaku Geboye Desta, Principal Regional Advisor, Africa Trade Policy Centre, Regional Integration and Trade Division, ECA

Panel discussion (30 minutes)

- Professor Ivan Turok, Research Fellow, Inclusive Economic Development Research Programme, Human Sciences Research Council
- Dr. Konyango Charles Otieno, National Director Urban Development, State Department for Housing and Urban Development, Kenya
- Ms. Astrid Haas, Urban Economist, Kampala, Uganda
- Mr. Prudence Sebahizi, Chief Technical Adviser, AfCFTA Secretariat, Accra, Ghana

Questions (25 minutes)

Closing remarks (5 minutes)

- Mr. Stephen Karingi – Director, Regional Integration and Trade Division, Economic Commission for Africa

Time and Date: 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm East Africa Time, Tuesday, 12 July 2022

Registration: Register [here](#) to attend

Further information: For further information, please contact Mr. Marios Pournaris at marios.pournaris@un.org.

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